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Applicant: **Madison et al.**

Serial No.: 09/776,191

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For: **NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING TRANSMEMBRANE
SERINE PROTEASES, THE
ENCODED PROTEINS AND
METHODS BASED THEREON**

Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Unassigned



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 1-31, with the following:

For U.S. purposes, benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/179,982, to Edwin L. Madison and Edgar O. Ong, filed February 3, 2000, entitled "NUCLEOTIDE AND PROTEIN SEQUENCES OF A TRANSMEMBRANE SERINE PROTEASE AND METHODS BASED THEREOF"; to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/183,542, to Edwin L. Madison and Edgar O. Ong, filed February 18, 2000, entitled "NUCLEOTIDE AND PROTEIN SEQUENCES OF A TRANSMEMBRANE SERINE PROTEASE AND METHODS BASED THEREOF"; to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/213,124, to Edwin L. Madison and Edgar O. Ong, filed June 22, 2000, entitled "NUCLEOTIDE AND PROTEIN SEQUENCES OF A TRANSMEMBRANE SERINE PROTEASE AND METHODS BASED THEREOF"; to U.S.